

Recognitions

- Teacher of the Year**—Brooke Rhymmer
- Distinguished Reading Teacher**— Amanda Gilfillan
- Support Staff of the Year**—Sheila Byars
- Academic Challenge Team**—6th Grade: Bryson Fowler, Lucas Earls, Elliott Darr, Vince Jenkins, Cameron Ray, Abby Mace, Isabella Chapman-Miller, Sierra Margarita, and Justin Panceroff.
- Academic Challenge Team**—7th Grade: Amaya Gash, Carlee Ayers, Hammer Rolen, Isaac Westmoreland, Jordan Wilson, and David Price.
- Academic Challenge Team**—8th Grade: Riley Billings, Will Johnson, Nick Chapman-Miller, Samantha Hardin, Miranda Manley, Jacob Richardson, Jacob Willis Matthew McCall, Titus Cobb, Josh Helton, and Russell McLean.
- Beta Club raised \$248 for Meals on Wheels.**
- Canned Food Drive** –BMS collected 240 cans for Iron City Ministries.
- Habitat for Humanity**—raised \$157.
- DAR Essay Contest Winner**— Ellis Greene
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes** joined with local churches for Operation Christmas Child and packed over 200 shoeboxes and worked at the Samaritan's Purse Distribution Center in Charlotte, NC.
- Junior Scholars**— Miranda Manley, Samantha Hardin, Riley Billings, Nicholas Chapman-Miller, Russell McLean
- Duke Tip**—Miranda Manley
- Lego Robotics Competition Team**—First Place Project Design at the First Lego League Cherokee County Qualifier and a trophy. They also received a ticket to the State Competition and the only group to be ask to perform at the state competition. Members are Lucas Earls, Kalyn Dixon, David Price, Carlee Ayers, Emma McLain, Byson Fowler, Samantha Hardin and Laney Hudson.
- March of Dimes**—Collected \$713.38
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Contest Winners**—6th Grade: Justin Jones, Brett Pool and Justin Panceroff. 7th Grade: AJ Hames, Dominic Steiner and Chloe Hardin. 8th Grade: Jennifer Martin, Makayla Sanlin and Atia Tate. District Middle School Winners were Jennifer Martin and Justin Jones.
- Relay for Life**—raised \$180 (still raising money).
- Limestone Honor Band —David Price, Anya Scott, John LaFrancis, Dalton Smith.
- Science Fair Winners**— Grace Ross, Michael Jones, Josh Helton, Aydan Ham, Jennifer Martin, Krista Barker, Russell McLean, Lucas Earls, Ali Bostedo, Laney Hudson, Justin Wylie, Bryson Fowler, Lauren Harrison, Kady Dixon, Allee Crater, Eli Bolton, Noah Campbell, Will Johnson, Titus Cobb, Anna Marie Jones, Whitney Bishop, Bryson Davis, Eli Moorhead, Carlee Ayers, Skyla Martin, Isaac Westmoreland, Amaya Childers and Evan Upchurch. Winners at the Upstate Regional Science Fair held at USC Upstate -Justin Wylie- Honorable Mention in the General Category, Whitney Bishop- Honorable Mention in the Behavioral Science Category, Grace Ross- National Audubon Award.
- Shriner's Hospital Recognition** for soft drink can tabs collected.
- Spelling Bee Winner** - Macy Turner.
- Students honored Veterans by inviting veterans to eat lunch with them.
- Young Writer's Gala Winners**—Bethany Morgan, Samantha Hardin, Amber Perkins, Anna Marie Jones, Amaya Childers and Madison Holcombe
- Autism Awareness** - raised \$112.
- SCBDA Solo & Ensemble**—Dalton Smith and Jackson Lipe.
- Conservation Essay Winners**—Elliott Darr & Titus Cobb.

Enrichment

- Adopt a Highway
- Spelling Bee
- Academic Challenge
- AED Training/Teachers
- Gifted and Talented
- Implementing Olweus
- Band/Honor Band
- Literacy Closet
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- National Junior Beta Club
- Christian Education Class
- Student Council
- 6th Grade Atlanta Trip
- 7th Grade Washington Trip
- 8th Grade Charleston Trip
- 8th Grade Tours—BHS and CTC
- Algebra and Pre-Algebra
- Guitar Lab
- Computer Labs
- iPad and iPod Integration
- Mobile Computer Labs for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades.
- After School Tutoring
- Book Club and Read-o
- Guidance Sessions-whole class lessons, groups, individual
- Character Education, Career Education and planning,
- Career Fair. Character Corner, Student of the Month.
- Resource Officer-classroom lessons
- Know2 and Job Shadowing
- Lego Robotic Competition Team
- Junior Achievement
- Duke Energy Program
- Title One Parent Night
- Teacher Cadets from BHS
- Chorus
- Project-Based Learning
- All Student have laptops
- Student Career Fair



Respectful Reliable Responsible
Ready Relationships

Report to the Parents 2016-2017

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School Environment

- In addition to academics, we strive to teach our students the importance of philanthropy through volunteering, service work, food drives, and collecting monetary donations.
- A positive, caring, and accepting family environment is an important strength of BMS.
- There is an open line of communication between faculty/staff and students/parents.
- Artifacts from student learning are displayed around the school.
- Incentives for behavior, attendance, and grades.
- Grade level awards ceremonies.
- LCD projectors, document cameras, CPS units, iPods, iPads, and mobile computer labs enhance classroom instruction.
- Faculty and staff take extra measures to ensure the success of all students.
- Emergency procedures planned and practiced.
- Cameras are positioned around the school to help ensure campus safety.

Mission Statement

The mission of Blacksburg Middle School, in partnership with parents and the community, is to prepare students to excel as productive and responsible members of society by providing a rigorous, well-rounded education.

Our Vision

Our vision for BMS is to inspire a passion for learning.

Our Beliefs

We believe that children are always our first priority.

We believe that education is essential for the advancement of society.

We believe that every individual has equal value.

We believe that excellence is always worth the effort.

We believe that a safe environment is a basic human need essential for learning.

We believe that learning is a lifelong process.

We believe that the family is the foundation of society.

We believe that everyone can learn.

Our Curriculum Goals for 2016-2017

- Implement South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards.
- Use data to monitor student achievement.
- Students will show a growth in academic knowledge with test scores that are reflected by a positive gain on their standardized assessments.
- Make literacy the priority across the curriculum.
- Emphasize instructional differentiation to meet all students' needs.
- Provide innovative technology for all classrooms; teachers will integrate technology into classroom instruction using mobile labs.
- Incorporate projects and presentations into classroom instruction.
- Strengthen partnerships between school and parents to positively impact student achievement.
- Implement RtI strategies to help all students experience success.
- Develop and sustain lasting relationships with the students.
- Administrators will conduct formal and informal instructional observations.

STAR 360 Information (SC Ready Projections)

Grade	% Projected to Score Meets or Exceeds	% Approaching
Mathematics		
6	36%	45%
7	25%	42%
8	30%	34%
ELA		
6	40%	46%
7	42%	32%
8	39%	36%

School Report Card Information 2015-2016 SC Ready/SCPASS Assessments

Test Area	Meets/Exceeds	Approaching	Does Not Meet
ELA			
6th	33.3%	44.4%	22.2%
7th	28.0%	40.2%	32.0%
8th	33.0%	36.0%	31.0%
Mathematics			
6th	34.0%	38.0%	26.0%
7th	28.0%	46.2%	26.0%
8th	29%	41.0%	30.3%

Science (Overall)	Exemplary	Met	Not Met
	18.0%	42.0%	40.0%
Social Studies	18.0%	39.0%	43.0%

End of Course (EOC) Algebra 1 Test-2016
100% of the students passed the EOC.

School History

Blacksburg is located in Cherokee County. The town is situated in the rolling Piedmont region of the state of South Carolina. Slightly east of the Broad River, Blacksburg, the smaller of two municipalities within the county, is a small town of approximately 2,200 residents within the town limits, with east access to nearby Interstate Highway 85. Blacksburg is nearly an equal distance between Gaffney, South Carolina and Kings Mountain, North Carolina. The town and area around it are sharing in Cherokee County's steady evolution away from a textile-based economy. Current census data indicate that manufacturing is the largest employment sector in the Blacksburg area, providing 46% of the jobs; retail trade provides 17% of employment, and the construction trades account for 6% of the jobs.

Our School Today

Our school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Credit is good for 3 more years.

STAR 360 Testing is conducted in the fall, winter and spring for all students. SC Ready ELA and Math, and SCPASS Science and Social Studies is conducted in the spring. The results from all assessments provide us with information about student achievement.

The average daily attendance for 2016-2017 school year was 95.82%.

Currently 377 students are enrolled at BMS.

School Improvement Council Members:

Parents: Beth McCall, Jamie Billings, and Tina Wright.

School Members: Summer Harrison, Angie Blanton, Kayla Gaut, Sharon Earls, Hannah Byars, Brooke Rhymer, Virgil Hampton, and Melody Bradley

Community Members— Alicia Craven, Deborah Peeler, and Tim Knotts.